

J.O. HASELHOEF

Statement of Interest

I am interested in becoming a member of the City of Milwaukee Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

I have recently supplemented my experience as a long-time walker, bike rider and advocate with a more formal understanding of the issues involved in Milwaukee.

Safe and convenient public and private transportation can help equalize the economic, health and educational disparities of any community. My initial introduction to these concerns took place in Guatemala, where, as a journalist, I documented the efforts of an engineering team to build a suspension pedestrian bridge in 30 days with 100 local volunteers. I saw, firsthand, the change in the community's access to education, health and work as a result of that 360-foot span.

Recently I attended the West Allis Transportation Academy where my final project summarized the pedestrian and bicycle safety issues on 43rd Street, impacted by construction of the Kinnickinnic River Flood Management Project in Jackson Park. My project colleague and I took our summary to the City to better understand how we could see our ideas implemented.

I understand the impact that bumpouts, pedestrian islands and other infrastructure projects can have to a community's physical and mental wellbeing. As a member of the City's Advisory Committee, I will work to ensure all of Milwaukee's citizens have safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access and pathways.